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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MILLER COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (10-19) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Miller County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to construct six bridges on the new location alignment for Highway 71 (future Interstate 49). AUI Construction Group, LLC, of Fort Worth, Texas, was awarded the contract at \$6,992,399.09.

"These bridges will be part of the new four lane roadway located between Doddridge and the Louisiana line," Schueck stated. "Once this project and a future surfacing project are completed, Highway 71 will be a four lane roadway from the Louisiana line northward through Texarkana. The entire stretch will serve as part of future Interstate 49."

Schueck said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2013.

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